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SUBJECT: DAMASCUS WATER SUPPLY

REF: DAMASCUS 1832

NEW DELHI FOR KINGERY

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SUMMARY: ON BASIS COMPREHENSIVE REPORT IN REFTTEL, WE ARE
PLANNING TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATION OF LOAN FOR DOLS
48 MILLION FOR DAMASCUS WATER SUPPLY AND WITH DOLS 10
MILLION INCREASE IN LOAN 007. MESSAGE OUTLINES NEXT
STEPS. ACTION REQUESTED: IMMEDIATE CABLE DISCUSSED IN
PARAGRAPH 2, BELOW.

1. SUBJECT TO RECEIVING (A) SECRETARY'S APPROVAL OF
ALLOCATION UNCOMMITTED BALANCE SPECIAL MIDDLE EAST REQUIRE-
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MENT FUND WHICH WE HOPE TO GET BY MAY 21, AND (B) ADVICE

FROM MISSION OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 2, BELOW, WE WILL INITIATE CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION, IF POSSIBLE BY COB MAY 21. THAT NOTIFICATION WILL INCLUDE DOLS 48 MILLION LOAN FOR DAMASCUS WATER SUPPLY AND DOLS 10 MILLION ADDITION TO AGRICULTURAL INPUTS LOAN NO. 007.

2. BEFORE DISPATCHING NOTIFICATION, WE NEED EMBASSY'S CONFIRMATION THAT SARG HAS REQUESTED OR WILL REQUEST BOTH LOANS AND IS AWARE THAT AGREEMENTS MUST BE SIGNED BY JUNE 30. SARG SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT LOAN AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE FOR SARG'S UNDERTAKING TO FINANCE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TOTAL PROJECT COST AND PROPOSED A.I.D. LOAN FOR DOLS 48 MILLION. BEFORE AUTHORIZING THESE LOANS, WRITTEN REQUEST MUST HAVE BEEN RECEIVED; BUT FOR NOTIFICATION PURPOSES YOUR ADVICE THAT PROPOSED LOAN AMOUNTS AND FOREGOING POINTS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH RESPONSIBLE SARG OFFICIALS AND THAT FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST WILL FOLLOW IS SUFFICIENT. IN VIEW 30-DAY NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT AND NECESSITY TO SIGN LOAN AGREEMENT BY JUNE 30, HOPE YOU CAN DISPATCH IMMEDIATE CABLE ADVISING US OF SARG POSITION TOMORROW, MAY 21.

3. LOAN OFFICER ROBERT SLUSSER (NESA/CD) AND ENGINEER JOHN NEAVE (SER/ENG) PREPARING TO ARRIVE DAMASCUS BY MONDAY, MAY 26. HOPE WORK IN DAMASCUS CAN BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 2 OR 3 SO THAT PROJECT PAPER FOR WATER SUPPLY PROJECT CAN BE COMPLETED IN WASHINGTON BY JUNE 10 AND PROCESSED FOR LOAN AUTHORIZATION BY ADMINISTRATOR BY JUNE 20. WILL CABLE ETA OF TEAM.

4. TEAM WILL BRING TO DAMASCUS FIRST DRAFT LOAN AGREEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY PROJECT FOR REVIEW BY SARG. AT THIS STAGE, AGREEMENT WILL OF COURSE BE INCOMPLETE SINCE PROJECT DESCRIPTION, CONDITIONS PRECEDENT AND SPECIAL COVENANT SECTIONS CAN ONLY BE DRAFTED AFTER PROJECT PAPER APPROVED. STANDARD CLAUSES SHOULD HOWEVER BE REVIEWED BY SARG PROMPTLY TO FACILITATE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS AND PERMIT SIGNATURE BY JUNE 30.

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